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## Beersheba Rioting Quelled Speedily

By H. BEN-ADI, Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEERSHEBA. — Widespread rioting which, according to the Police, was organised by known underworld elements, broke out here at seven o'clock on Monday evening.

Police apparently had advance information that trouble of some kind was brewing and they acted swiftly, arriving on the scene equipped with steel helmets and truncheons within about three minutes of the first outbreak.

They acted, according to eye-witnesses, with great restraint and quiet was restored within an hour.

Twenty-six persons were arrested, including some young boys. Six policemen and one civilian were injured by flying stones, but were sent home after receiving first-aid. Damage to property is estimated at ILA 600, but there was no looting, largely thanks to quick police action.

The trouble reportedly began when a boy ordered a soft drink at the Kasit cafe and demanded change from a 500-pruta note which he claimed to have tendered. When two men materialised at the boy's side and threatened the cafe owner, the latter ran over, changed, although he denied he had been given a note.

The two men then staged a mock fight over the money. They were joined by some 40 others who began breaking tables and chairs and smashed the big window of the cafe.

### Organized Groups

The rioting was spread by organized groups, according to the police, and resulted in the smashing of dozens of windows in cafes and shops. Most of the stores along Keren Kayemet Boulevard, one of the town's main streets, suffered damage.

One group attempted to set fire to the Municipal tax offices, but a neighbouring kiosk-owner managed to put out the blaze before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

A gang of about 30 men boarded a bus and forced the driver to take them, without tickets, to Shemat Daled. Windows in another bus were smashed and a taxi overturned.

All cafés were ordered by the police to close down, and the police themselves were ordered to stand to.

Later, heavy police reinforcements arrived from as far afield as Petah Tikva, and focal points in town such as banks and petrol stations, were placed under heavy guard.

Deputy District Superintendent of Police Shaul Rosenthal

## B-G Reports to President Today

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is to call on the President at 10 o'clock this morning to inform him that there are no prospects for forming a new Government until after the elections in November.

The meeting is to take place at a seaside resort in the south-west, where the President and Mrs. Ben-Gurion on Monday began a 12-day vacation.

The President last Wednesday asked Mr. Ben-Gurion to try and form a new Cabinet which would enjoy the confidence of the King. Mr. Ben-Gurion said he would make an attempt although he feared he was unlikely to succeed.

His inability to form such a Cabinet became apparent by the end of last week, after

BEA, Olympic Link Up On Midsea Routes

LONDON (Reuter). — Signing of a consortium agreement between British European and Olympic Airways, providing for joint operations and commercial exploitation of routes between Britain, Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean, was approved on Monday. It was announced in London.

The consortium still has to be submitted to the Greek Government.

Olympic Airways are to buy De Havilland 4-B Comet jets which, together with its new Douglas DC-8 airliners, will be used with BEA's fleet of Comets, Vanguards and Viscounts on transatlantic routes.

The signing was approved by Lord Douglas of Northgate, Chairman of BEA, and by Mr. Aristote Onassis, for Olympic Airways.

Both companies expect a major increase in traffic from the consortium, which should greatly increase provision of first-class services and also cheaper fares, BEA said.

Each member of the consortium maintains its complete identity and no sale or purchase of stock is involved in the arrangement.

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## Spain in OEEC; Gets Credits For \$375m.

PARIS. (Reuter). — Spain was on Monday admitted as a member of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation and immediately afterwards it was announced she would be given international credits amounting to \$375m. to help her carry through financial and economic reforms.

The decision to admit Spain to the O.E.E.C. was taken unanimously by the Organisation's Council here after studying plans for an overhaul of the Spanish economy, including last Saturday's devolution of the Peseta from 42 to 60 to the dollar.

The announcement said Spain will immediately benefit from a credit equivalent to \$300m. from the funds of the European Monetary Agreement. At the same time the International Monetary Fund is granting a credit of \$75m., while further financial facilities, amounting to about \$200m., are being provided by Britain and the U.A.R.

No Drunks Involved

He strongly denied a report that the trouble had been started by drunks. He added that not a single drunk had been picked up and stressed that the outbreak had been caused deliberately.

Police are investigating the possibility that agitators from outside might have come here.

May 21. David Touviyah told *The Jerusalem Post* he had received information that trouble of some kind might break out during the day.

He added that soon after the disturbance, representatives of Persian and Iraqi immigrants called on him to express their condemnation of the riots and that they had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Touviyah expressed the belief that there was no labour trouble at the root of the outbreak. About 700 persons were registered with the Exchange but all of them had at least part-time work.

(Reports on Migdal Matom and Wadi Salib, Page 2, Col. 2 (Leader — Page 4)

## Tension Prevents Iraqi Celebrations

CAIRO (Reuter). — Baghdad Radio on Monday announced that the celebrations of the anniversary of the "People's Court," due to be held on Thursday, has been cancelled because of the extraordinary transitory period which the country is going through.

(Iraqi leaders on Sunday night admitted for the first time that rioting had broken out recently in the Kirkuk region, in the north of the country.)

The new Iraqi Guidance Minister, Feizal el-Samer, said yesterday that cultural treaties were expected to be signed soon with Britain and West Germany. It was announced that such treaties are to be signed on Thursday with Albania and North Korea.

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Private Loans

About \$130m. of the U.S. credits come from Government sources and the rest from private bank loans. The U.S. Government's contribution comprises:

- Defense aid up during the fiscal year ending June 30, subject to approval by Congress, amounting to \$40m.
- Loans by the Export-Import Bank, totalling \$80m. for industrial projects already underway.

- Sale to Spain for repayment in Pesetas of \$60m. worth of farm products to be agreed upon.

Spain's admission to O.E.E.C. which has been officially welcomed by Britain and the U.S., ends her economic isolation in Europe.

Some political observers also consider O.E.E.C. membership a step towards Spain entering the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation — an issue on which views among the allies are divided.

## Jordan Attache in Bonn Seeks Asylum in Syria

DAAMASCH (Reuter). — The Jordanian Military Attaché in Bonn, Colonel Salah Sharaf, arrived in Damascus last Thursday and applied for political asylum, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported here yesterday.

The Colonel was said to have been recalled to Amman after his brother, General Sadik Sharaf, Jordanian Foreign Minister, had been arrested in May on charges of attempting to overthrow King Hussein's regime.

It was reported from Amman, meanwhile, that General Sharaf is to stand trial next month, together with 17 other officers arrested on similar charges.

## Kenya T.U.'s Urge Boycott of S. Africa

NAIROBI (Reuter). — The Kenya Federation of Labour has unanimously passed a resolution in Nairobi calling for a complete boycott on the consumption and handling of all South African goods.

(Boycotts on South African goods have been announced by the Jamaican Government, and have been called for by Ghana trade unions and a Uganda nationalist movement.)

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is expected to end his vacation this week and to resume all his duties including that of presiding over Cabinet sessions.

## Missing Concubine' Mystery Solved

ROME (UPI). — A Rome newspaper on Monday claimed to have solved the mystery of the alleged disappearance of the favourite concubine of the Imam of Yemen.

The newspaper, "Il Messaggero," said that the missing concubine, an Italian night-club dancer, was friendly with a member of the Imam's suite and decided to marry him and become a Moslem.

A frequent visitor to the Imam's various villas during his three-month health cure in Rome, the girl recently disappeared.

This, "Il Messaggero," said, gave rise to the report that one of the Imam's harem had fled.

Stories of the "missing concubine" have been occupying Rome's newsmen for more than a week.

Meanwhile, the manager of the hotel Villa Suzzara, where the Imam and his 30 or 40-member suite are now staying, complained that he was being shortchanged on his bills.

He said that when the Imam originally left the hotel to return home by air last Tuesday, his suite was billed 8,500 lire (\$2,400), but the Imam's treasurers agreed to pay only 1,050,000 lire (\$1,650).

The Imam returned shortly afterwards, deciding to travel home by sea as he felt unwell after an hour in the plane. Now he and his suite are running up a new bill, although the first one has still not been paid in full.

## IMAM OF OMAN VISITING U.A.R.

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Imam Ghaliq Bin Ali of Oman will arrive here from Saudi Arabia on Tuesday (today) for an official visit to the U.A.R., the Oman Nationalist Bureau reported yesterday.

He will meet with Abdul Nasser in Cairo after spending a few days in Damascus.

## Greek Cypriots Visiting Cairo

NICOSIA (Reuter). — A five-member delegation representing Cypriot Greeks will fly to Cairo today to attend festivities to mark the anniversary of the Nasser-Nationalist coup.

Two ministers in the transitional cabinet are heading the delegation — Mr. Paschalas Paschalides (Commerce and Industry) and Mr. Antonis Georgiades (Communications and Works).

They are expected to seek the re-establishment of trade relations between Egypt and Cyprus which were interrupted in October, 1968.

It was learned in Cairo that Abdul Nasser is to address a rally in Al Gomhouria Square on Wednesday, and not on Tuesday as previously announced.

## Grivas Studying Cyprus Problems

ATHENS (Reuter). — General George Grivas, former leader of the Greek Cypriot resistance movement, EOKA, last night publicly gave his view that Cyprus should not join the British Commonwealth.

He said in a formal statement: "My attention is directed towards Cyprus and no one has the right to force me this. I am at present concerned with the question of British bases" on the island.

Municipal segregation,

the non-inclusion of Cyprus in the Commonwealth and the granting of pensions to veterans of the Cyprus struggle.

General Grivas has been on holiday at a small fishing village in the Peloponnese, spent the weekend in Athens discussing the Cyprus situation with members of the right-wing Greek Cypriot Front. He is returning to his retreat today.

## Ethiopia Fears Pan-Arab Drive In Africa

By ISRAEL NEUMANN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — Common apprehension over the Calvados pan-Arab offensive in Africa forms the background to the arrival here on Monday of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia for talks with French leaders.

The Emperor is welcomed by President André Gide and Premier De Gaulle, with both heads of state wearing general's uniforms.

It is known that Haile Selassie is in the establishment of the Muslim State of Somalia next year when former Italian Somaliland achieves independence. While Britain is highly favourable to the Somalians, France is dismayed by the Cairo-inspired Greater Somalia movement, and Emperor Haile Selassie is, therefore, assured of a friendly hearing here, and also probably of active support.

## Hruschchev's Scandinavian Tour Off Because of Hostility

STOCKHOLM (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Hruschchev has cancelled his "grand tour" of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland next month because of unfavourable reactions in some of the host countries. It was announced here on Monday.

The Soviet Prime Minister, who is now in Poland and who said in Rzeszow yesterday that he would continue his tour, seemed to put more weight on the attitude in certain Danish press circles than on the Danish Government's invitation.

In Warsaw, news of the cancellation caused surprise, particularly because of the Soviet Premier's speech at Stockholm last Friday in which he made a new bid to "neutralise" the Scandinavian countries. He had suggested that the Western powers plus, if necessary, Russia should join Russia in guaranteeing Scandinavia's neutrality from atomic and rocket attack.

## More Behind It

Cancellation of the Soviet Premier's tour immediately followed speculations in Western diplomatic quarters whether the announced reason is to be taken at face value.

One theory was that Mr. Hruschchev might wish to free himself from all other engagements to take part in a summit meeting in August.

Observers suppose that Haile Selassie will follow a neutralist policy in return for Soviet support on the Somalians' question and Soviet economic aid, though there are fears that this agreement will not be fully honoured.

Jordan broke off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union last year.

Shorty after his arrival here, the Emperor laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe. He also lunched with President de Gaulle at the Elysee Palace.

## Mrs. Meir Due in Paris Today En Route Home

Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — Foreign Minister Golda Meir is due in Paris from New York this morning (Tuesday) on her way home from her South American tour.

She will remain here for two or three days, but is not expected to have any official contacts with French leaders. She probably intends to rest her extensive Latin American programme.

## Frame-Up' Alleged In Athens Spy Case

ATHENS (Reuter). — Defense counsel for Manis Glezos, 36, charged here on Monday accused the Greek security police of "framing" the case without a shred of evidence.

The case had been fabricated, counsel alleged, on the basis of a confession made by another of the 11 accused, Theodore Eftimides, 51, who had agreed during the trial to give evidence for the prosecution.

Last Saturday the prosecution recommended Eftimides' acquittal, but asked the court to impose a sentence of five years on Glezos, who won fame in Greece in 1941 by hauling down the Nazi swastika from the Aeropelion.

Mr. Glezos' defense counsel, Mr. T. G. Frangoulis, said he was sorry to learn of Mr. Glezos' decision which was "a painful surprise."

Although the visit was not cancelled for ever, the Swedish Government would not take the initiative for re-taking the invitation he added.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Einar Gerhardsen, last night criticized the Norwegian opposition and non-Socialist parties for agreeing to restore relations with Russia.

Finland is not a member of the organization, nor has she taken part in any of the Outer Seven discussions. But the Nordic Prime Ministers' meeting in Sweden last week showed her interest in the Outer Seven organization, provided it was purely economic and did not include any supra-national organ.



**Today's Postbag****The Weather**

Mt. Carmel	41	15	24	27
Tiberias	45	21	32	35
Hadera	45	21	32	35
Nahariya	45	21	32	35
Tel Aviv / Kiryat	45	21	32	35
Tel Aviv / Port	45	21	32	35
Lydd	45	21	32	35
Airport	45	21	32	35
Jerusalem	45	21	32	35
Bethlehem	45	21	32	35
Eilat	45	21	32	35

(A) Humidity at 5 p.m. (B) M. altitude temp. (C) Maximum yesterday. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

**ARRIVALS**

Mr. Leo Gold, owner of the Sabra night club in New York, for a three-week visit, (by El Al)

Rabbi and Mrs. Israel H. Goldstein, from Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kravitz, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Daroff, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Ronald Tavel and daughter — under U.S.A. auspices.

**DEPARTURES**

Mr. Zvi Yehiel, of the Zion management, to Paris to discuss the order of a ship to carry low-income tourists, (by El Al)

Mr. Uri Avnon, London Lawyer, London, England, on his way to take up his post as Consul in Atlanta, Ga., (by El Al)

Prof. M. Aszkenasy, of the Hebrew University's Department of Geology, for the U.S. to participate in the International Oceanographic Congress at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Mr. Dov Raanan, of the Kallir Insulation Company, for South Africa on company business, (by El Al)

A FASHION SHOW of Gotter and Hemdenmaus beachwear will be held this evening at the Accadim Hotel on the occasion of the opening of the new swimming pool.

EWI RASS, owner of the Kaff-On driving school, who is being held on charges of bribery, was released on £2,000 bail on Monday.

Widower Jailed For Cheating 'Fiancées'

TEL AVIV. — A 54-year-old widower who divorced his second wife, promised marriage to two separate women and extorted over IL2,000 from them under false pretences, was on Monday sentenced by District Court Judge E. Malchi to six months in jail and a six-month suspended sentence.

The accused is Yisrael Yacobovich, a driver from Tel Aviv. Judge Malchi rejected counsel's request to have publication of the accused's name, noting that publication might prevent other unfortunate women from falling into the same trap.

Yacobovich was found guilty of taking IL1,500 from Miss Frieda Letz on the pretext that he needed the money to release from customs a car he received from an uncle, and for taking IL850 from Miss Sarah Goldstein, claiming he needed it to get a flat.

Judge Malchi ruled that the promise of marriage in itself was not in the nature of a false pretense for purposes of extracting the money. (Itim)

8th Century Palace Dig Up Near Lake Kinneret

TEL AVIV. — An archaeological mission headed by Prof. Oleg Grabar, of the University of Michigan and M. Jean Perrot, the French archaeologist, started a dig yesterday (Monday) on the site of an early Arab palace at Khirbet Minyeh, near Tabgha, on Lake Kinneret.

The palace, of the Omeyyad period around the ninth century C.E., was partially excavated in the early thirties by a German expedition. The site included horse stables and some fine mosaic floors considered to be of beautiful geometric design. The building of the palace was found unfinished and it is believed the building was arrested by a disaster of some sort.

The German expedition uncovered only part of the palace, and issued a preliminary report. The present team is resuming where the previous archaeologists left off, and will work at the site for a few weeks.

Prof. Grabar is an expert on Islamic art and architecture.

3-Year-Old Hurt In Fall Into Open Pit

ASHKELON. — Three-year-old Aharon Amutzi of this city, fell into an open pit of the municipal sewage network on Sunday and suffered a head injury. He was taken to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, where he is reported out of danger.

B.C. — Mr. Hugh Carleton Greene is to succeed Sir Ian Jacob as Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation when Sir Ian retires at the end of the year. Mr. Greene, 44, a brother of the novelist, Graham Greene, is now director of news and current affairs.

Cyprus Mooted as 'Exodus' Set

TEL AVIV. — Hollywood film producer Otto Preminger paid a one-day visit to Cyprus on Monday, accompanied by the Chairman of the Weizmann Institute, Mr. Meyer Weisgal.

Mr. Preminger told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview on Sunday night that he was going to see whether Cyprus was suitable for filming part of his movie based on the current best seller "Exodus."

Mr. Preminger is to produce the film, arrived in Israel Friday for a 10-day visit. He is exploring whether it will be possible to shoot much of the film in this country, but will come to a final decision only in October, when he plans to return with his art director and technicians.

If Mr. Preminger is to produce the film, he is shooting would start about March 1959. Mr. Preminger said. The film will probably be in Technicolor, and leading roles will be played by American actors, though local talent may also be used. No contracts with actors have yet been signed, Mr. Preminger said.

"Just like the book, the film will be made for appeal to the American and world market," the Hollywood producer said. Leon Uris is at present working on the script for the film.

Mr. Preminger, who is ori-

**Tourist Murdered in Tel Aviv By Overnight Guest**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A tourist from Persia was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife on Monday morning in the room he had rented at 1 Rehov Tahkemoni. The man, Naim Aharoni, 33, died of wounds in the neck and chest.

Albert Rejwan, 26, an immigrant from Iraq of no fixed abode, was arrested in Aharoni's room. He allegedly tried to force him to leave his host after a quarrel over the setting up of a bakery here.

Rejwan was detained by Mr. Y. Selinger, the owner of the flat where Aharoni lived, until police arrived. Mr. Selinger told reporters that shortly after 7 a.m. he heard hysterical screaming and then groaning from the room of his lodger. He ran to the joint balcony and through the shutter saw Aharoni lying in a pool of blood, with Rejwan standing over him. They were both in their underwear.

Mr. Selinger then ran round to lock the front door of the flat. Back on the balcony, he saw Rejwan calmly putting his shoes and clothes on. He told friends that he planned to settle here. He rented a furnished room at the Selinger flat but had been asked to leave because he regularly had visitors spending nights there. Rejwan spent Sunday night there.

Aharoni arrived in Israel several months ago as a tourist, went to a kibbutz and later attended an upper. He told friends that he planned to settle here. He rented a furnished room at the Selinger flat but had been asked to leave because he regularly had visitors spending nights there. Rejwan spent Sunday night there.

Police Net Retrieves Slippery Prisoner

TEL AVIV. — A prisoner who managed to bluff his way out of detention at the Herzliya police station on Sunday night was nabbed again by police four hours later at a Tel Aviv hotel, where he arrived at 2 a.m. Monday morning on a stolen motorcycle.

Abraham Birkenthal, 34, of the Ramat Yitzhak gang of house-breakers rounded up recently, was sentenced three weeks ago to three years for "overtaking" and then robbing a shop in Tel Aviv.

He was sentenced to go to prison for 18 months, to be followed by three years probation. The court ordered him to pay a fine of £100 and £100 in damages.

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**LAST night's outbreak of rioting in Beersheba — set off quite deliberately, it seems, by a couple of youths in a cafe — has come as the shocking climax to a series of similar events. In Haifa, ten days ago, there were day-long disturbances, but these were sparked by a serious accident, the shooting of a drunk by a policeman, an action that has since been found by a police inquiry to have been unjustified. Last week there was an incident in Tiberias, and on Sunday in Migdal Ha'Emek, police were assaulted by the families of men arrested for violence at a Labour Exchange in Haifa earlier the same day.**

It is no longer possible to suppose that all these incidents were spontaneous and entirely disconnected. Firstly, they are caused by a feeling of general and communal frustration that is more common among immigrants from North Africa, and particularly Moroccans, than among any other section of the population. The Jews of Morocco came here suffering from two major disadvantages: lack of education and also of skills in manual trades. On the one hand, and also a lack of Jewish and Zionist background that would have helped them to find social integration even where economic integration was not easy.

A future generation may decide that not nearly enough was done to ensure the social integration of these newcomers. In Morocco they walked in fear, their livelihood was insecure, but there was no question of protest, for there was never talk of equal rights for Jews. Here, at least, they have been released from fear, but there may be additional frustration in the possession of "equal rights" that add up to a lower average living standard than that of other communities.

But what is not true is that this is genuinely a problem of a group or a community; it is essentially a problem of individuals who have not the skills that will give them a better life. If there is discrimination, it is against the ignorant and the unskilled, not against people from a particular place, or of a particular community.

Undoubtedly attempts have been made to stir up this feeling, not only with a view to the coming elections, but in the unceasing campaign of maligning the regime that is the fruit of our society system and has become habitual. If right and left combine, split, and recombine to declare emphatically and with insistence that the government is venal, fraudulent and motivated only by desire for party power, it is surprising that underprivileged groups should begin to accept this form of politicking as genuine criticism, and perhaps the cause of their malaise?

The small group that calls itself "Semitic Action," at a meeting in Haifa after the disturbances there, mouthed slander and incitement that was aimed at least in intent, and the slogan "Olam HaZach," has made it its business for years to inject inter-communal feeling into all its criticism of Israel life. They have not improved the situation.

In each of the incidents the Police have been notably restrained. It is perhaps open to question whether rioters in Haifa should have been released from detention under what amounted to an ultimatum of more trouble. First and foremost, we must give reassurance and an equal chance, not only voting rights, to all, but we must also make sure that nobody shall believe that sections of the Israeli people can be stirred up against each other with impunity, and that hapless stooges will be permitted to break the peace and go unpunished, giving encouragement to further violence.

**Masons Building Temple in Jerusalem**

LYDDA AIRPORT. — A group of 36 Freemasons from the U.S. arrived here by air late Sunday night to participate in the dedication of the cornerstone of an International Peace Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple, to be built in the Talbiyah quarter, will serve as a centre for Freemasons visiting Israel. (See)

# ROCK AROUND THE BOMB

Atom Splits British Socialist Party

By LIONEL BLOCH  
LONDON.

EVERY summer the British trade unions assemble for their yearly conferences at some well-appointed seaside resort and every summer pacifists, communists and communists join and submit resolutions which — if ever implemented — would leave Britain defenceless in case of war. Usually these resolutions are defeated or amended out of recognition, for most trade unionists are staunch patriots who know that the plutocrat society from which they derive so many privileges cannot be protected by pacifist ideals alone. By and large this remains true even today but there is no denying that the public's ever-increasing preoccupation with nuclear problems has given some impetus to the left-wing of the trade union movement. Many trade unionists who believe unflinchingly that this country needs a strong army hesitate when it comes to atomic weapons. They fear that by endorsing the government's or even the Labour Party's atomic policy, they may cover up elements which they don't understand and which they cannot control.

## Holy-Baked Notions

Last winter, many a trade unionist had spent long evenings in front of his coal fire "thinking it out for himself." It is more than likely that his inner deliberations were influenced by the very vocal movement for nuclear disarmament led by Bertie Russell and other respectable radical intellectuals. More and more people worry about the accumulation of Stretton 90 and the latent after-effects, genetic and pathological, of atomic radiation. But the British government did nothing to encourage the "ban-the-bomb" campaign and some weeks ago the "right-wing" General and Municipal Workers Union, one of the largest in the country, voted at their annual conference in favour of unilateral nuclear disarmament. It is said that the vote was unanimous and many delegates were having tea when the vote was taken and the Union's leader, Sir Tom Williamson, had reconvened the conference to persuade it to reverse its abolitionist resolution. But the real challenge came more recently from Mr. Frank Coates, the secretary of the 1,000-strong Transport and General Workers Union, whose motion advocating unilateral disarmament received overwhelming support from his Union, although it was directly opposed to the Labour Party's declared policy.

Coates' new policy is salutary, not because of its inherent merits — which are non-existent — but because it will compel socialists and indeed everybody else to abandon half-baked notions and elaborate superstitions and think clearly on the bomb, its relation to the size of conventional forces and its effectiveness as a deterrent in an age of perpetual brinkmanship. Till

now, an emotional public opinion could only associate the Bomb with obliterated cities and corpses by the million. The time has come for all to understand that the very horror which Hiroshima inspires is the best guarantee there is against the repetition of that calamity.

## Indignant Noises

Already Mr. Gaitskell has been forced to call a spade a spade in his memorable Workman's speech. In it, Mr. Cousins, he declared that if Britain were to put it on record that it shall never use atomic weapons first, it might be positively encouraging Russia to attack with their much more powerful conventional forces. He suggested that the one way to combat the atomic bomb may be the only way of meeting a major Soviet conventional attack (yet the Western Powers in general and the Western Socialists in particular were never prepared to allot sufficient funds for maintaining conventional forces large enough to repel a Soviet conventional attack).

To Mr. Cousins' demand that a future Labour government should suspend the production of nuclear weapons, Mr. Gaitskell retorted: "Does it mean that the West is to give up nuclear weapons though the Soviet Union re-

Heard Abroad

Mr. Macmillan and Khrushchev and all that he had the summit meeting in one of our clubs all their problems would be solved," said Mr. E. McElroy, President of the Club and Institute Union.

Obtain disarmament you must first be armed — General Murray.

I do not have the power or authority to change the shape of the world — Mr. Nehru.

The working week has been reduced by four hours in Germany, and sometimes I wonder who was the pioneer.

Mr. Ted Hill, British trade union leader.

## Riddle of Soviet Jewish Population

By N. SHIRABA

FROM partial results of the Soviet census conducted in the early part of this year, the "Patriot" ("Der Stimme"), a small anti-Communist Socialist daily which is usually well-informed on Soviet affairs, concludes that the Jewish population of the U.S.S.R. is about 2,000,000.

This estimate fits in with Mr. Khrushchev's recent statement to a delegation of U.S. war veterans to the effect that the German Jews had wiped out half of the pre-war Jewish population of 4,000,000 in the areas that now make up the U.S.S.R. It does not, however, accord with the estimate of another Yiddish paper, the "Iddische Zeitung" of Munich, which quotes informed Jewish workers at placing the U.S.S.R. Jewish population at 3,000,000.

Moscow, a city of 6,000,000,

## Reader's Letter

### BIRTH OF JORDAN NEGEV PIPELINE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Your correspondent (your issue of July 8) describes Yuval Gad prestressed pipes, the biggest in the world and as heavy as to damage a railway track.

The question whether pipes of such diameter and weight are justified for the Jordan scheme can be viewed for security and economical reasons. For security reasons, it would probably be best to rely on a number of small lines instead of a single vulnerable line. Commercially, as the huge pipes cannot be used elsewhere, the special costly machinery and formwork for their special production make the single line probably more expensive than a number of smaller lines having the same capacity.

As to the Joint Lock patent used by Yuval Gad (since your correspondent entered into technical matters), it is

the joint's

A CIVIL ENGINEER /Name and address supplied/ Tel Aviv, July 9.

## AT THE CINEMA

### Classic Revived

La Grande Illusion, the Jean Renoir film aimed at showing the futility of war which created such a deep impression when it was first released in 1937, has recently been re-issued and is now showing at the Tel Aviv Orion Cinema.

The background is the war of 1914-18 and the scenes laid in various German prisoner-of-war camps from which a number of Frenchmen attempt to escape, while the thesis of the film is worked out through the personal relationships developed between captor and captive. Even after more than 20 years one can still be impressed by the patent sincerity with which the film is made. Moreover, the acting, especially of Erich von Stroheim as the German Commandant, is good, and in the escape scenes the suspense is well held.

But too much violence and horror have taken place in the world since then for the picture to make real impact. It all seems too leisurely and gentlemanly to be taken seriously. Too many arms with conventional stamp numbers between them come between us and the screen. The world that La Grande Illusion portrays is at once too near and too far away for today's film-goer to be really moved by it.

### Murder Trial

Three for Zanzibar (Gat, Tel Aviv) revolves round a murder trial and

for whatever the reason for the condition of English studies here may be, resistance against the English language cannot be the cause, as such a resistance hardly ever existed.

Yours etc.

M. N.  
Ramat Hasharon, July 18.

### Pen Friends

MR. R. N. S. KARAKULASINGAM, of St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, Ceylon, is looking for a pen pal in Israel.

S.W.

PHILATELIC SERVICES



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## CHANNEL RACE RECORDS TOPPLE



Jet planes are the key to the Silver Jubilee anniversary London-Paris race with teams from all three armed services using basically the same timetable of: motorcycle (as passenger) to the Thames bank; helicopter to Biggin Hill airfield; jet plane to Villacoublay; helicopter to Issy; motorcycle to the Arc de Triomphe. Captain Walker's first day record of 57 minutes 48 seconds was smashed five times in one day. Picture shows Group Captain Eyre leaving Marble Arch at the start of his first southward dash. He briefly held the record with 44 minutes 37 seconds on his northbound trip.

Express Photo

## YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

### Breaking a Vicious Circle

Dovar (Histadrut) fully agrees with the decision of the Histadrut Trades Union Department not to demand an additional payment of the cost of living allowance, on the ground that this conforms with growing economic stability and that breaking the vicious circle of higher pay-higher prices helps both worker and manufacturer more than a nominal increase in the pay cheque.

Al Hanashim (Mapam)

states that Mapam, which carried the decision against the opposition of Mapam and Adut Ha'avoda, distorted the index by selective statistics. Mapam cannot reconcile itself to depriving the worker of the allowance which is due him for the rise in prices that took place in fact.

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that the Elat-Haifa pipeline agreement not only ensures the future of Elat but can take to include a turning point in the financing of Israel's economic needs, an emergence from the purely philanthropic base of sentiment into the realm of business investment. The Ha'tsofe (National Religious) view is that the readiness of a group of experienced businessmen to make the investment, which is not altogether free of risks, points to the faith they have in young Israel and confirms the National Religious Party's stand that what is required for investment climate."

Haboker (General Zionist) points to the eruption at Migdal Ha'Emek, hard on the heels of the Haifa disorders last week, as another warning that something drastic and decisive must be done, for outbreaks of this type can be contagious. In addition to the current grievances of the citizens, it will not be long before we learn just what a role Arab incitement broadcasts played in the disorder. This can be no means to rule out as a contributory cause.

Haboker counsels caution in dealing with the latest evidence of unrest and adds that something must be done to remove the causes of grievance without delay, a step which is of far greater importance than sending a commission of enquiry.

In Ramat Hasharon the situation is very different. The country's official yearbook for 1957-58 lists the Yiddish-speaking population as 144,000, for which there enter a total of four schools with a combined enrolment of 310 pupils. Ramat Hasharon has 117 schools with 8,400 pupils, and her 20,000 Tatars 50 schools with 1,800 pupils. The Yiddish-speaking population of 163,000 according to the latest census, informed quarters believe that not more than 25 per cent are Jews, although the province was founded as an "Autonomous Jewish Region." In a lengthy article by J. Gurevitz that marked the 20th anniversary of Birobidjan's foundation in 1958, we were able to find very few facts indeed about Jewish life in Birobidjan today. All we could gather was:

- that there are still old Yiddish place names beside the Russian inscriptions at the railroad stations;
- that one of the capital's main streets is named after Sholem Aleichem;
- that the library "also" has Yiddish books among its 100,000 volumes;
- and that the director of one of the big kolkhozes is a Jew. The manager of another kolkhoz, however, in the story also has a Jewish-sounding name, as does just one of the region's five delegates to the Supreme Soviet, a school principal named Vera Glazov.

In Mandatory years the number of people who inter-spersed their Hebrew speech with English words just to show off, or who spoke English because they liked to do so, was much greater than that, Israel will have to pay a heavy price.

## Unirrigated Sahara Crops

Lettuce and cabbage, radishes and tomatoes now grow without shade and without irrigation in the very middle of the Sahara, at the Bedouin Agricultural Research Station.

The daily water requirement of these crops is just five litres per square meter, and the irrigation method is

water-tight concrete.

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# Rich Harvest Without Soil

New Hydroculture Developed by Israel Chemist

By PAULA ARNOLD

DURING Shavuot Year, the soil, most orthodox Jews had to forgo eating fresh vegetables, for these were grown against the Law which says that the earth must have one year of complete rest in seven. But not all Jews, however orthodox, need give up fresh vegetables there, a boon which was not prohibited. The Rabbi of Acre, for instance, tended his soilless garden with enjoyment and ate his cucumbers and potatoes with relish!

It is one advantage of soilless gardening, though not it may be thought the foremost. Here is another. If you visit the Parents' Home in Holon, you will see the old people busy over their garden beds, but without bending over and without using any implements except their fingers and a planting-stick.

You can grow a few vegetables and flowers into the bargain, on a decent-sized roof in the middle of a city.

Sensible Proposition

Advantage number four:

New immigrants settle in mountainous, stony regions where working the soil is a heavy chore, can convert a small plot into a soilless garden, which can be tended by children or old people or the workers themselves in a very small part of their free time.

Advantage number five:

Even where you have good soil and plenty of rainfall, a plot for raising vegetables is a sensible proposition, because such seedlings are always healthy, very strong, and more than double the number can be grown as in the corresponding area in the ground.

At the same time, such an installation is worth while only in certain special sets of circumstances. Soilless gardening never can or will take the place of normal horticulture.

Mr. Pirak, of Bustan Hagai, Hl, near Nahariya, is the propagator of a particular kind of soilless gardening which he calls hydroculture and which differs from hydroponics in that it employs patented walls and perlators.

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they are very cheap and besides being walls, they are

planted on the bottom to assure water tightness and covered with three centimetres of gravel and 20 centimetres of a local type of sand. The daily water requirement of these plants is five litres per square meter, and the irrigation method is water-tight concrete.

The